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SUBJ: IRAN'S PROPOSAL FOR NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE

REF: A. STATE 145643 B. TEHRAN 5510

1. FOLLOWING UP BRIEF CONVERSATION AT JULY 4 RECEPTION (REF B),
POLCOUN DISCUSSED IRAN'S PROPOSAL FOR MIDEAST NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE
WITH MFA UNDERSEC NADIM JULY 10. NADIM SAID IRANDEL CHIEF HOVEYDA
HAD SPOKEN WITH UNSYG IN GENEVA ABOUT PROPOSAL AND THAT ALL GOI
AMBASSADORS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTS TO
WHICH THEY ARE ACCREDITED. GOI HOPES THAT SOME OTHER MIDEAST
COUNTRIES LIKE SYRIA, LEBANON AND TURKEY MIGHT CO-SPONSOR RES-
OLUTION.

2. NADIM SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO UNGA TO DECIDE EXACT LIMITS OF
PROPOSED ZONE, BUT IT SHOULD BE AS WIDESPREAD AS POSSIBLE. HE
FAVORS DEFINITION OF ZONE WHICH WOULD ALLOW INCLUSION OF NORTH
AFRICAN STATES IF THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN AN AFRICAN NUCLEAR-FREE
RESOLUTION. ASKED WHETHER ANY REGIONAL STATE MIGHT OPPOSE NUCLEAR
ZONE, NADIM REPLIED THAT WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF INDIA HE
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THOUGHT NO COUNTRY WOULD VOTE AGAINST IT, ALTHOUGH MANY WOULD HAVE

RESERVATIONS AND INSIST UPON ADDING ALL KINDS OF CONDITIONS AND
ESCAPE CLAUSES. FOR THAT REASON NADIM IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT AN
EFFECT NFZ RESOLUTION WILL BE APPROVED BY UNGA, ALTHOUGH SOME KIND
OF VAGUE STATEMENT OF HOPE AND INTENT MIGHT BE.

3. POLCOUN GAVE NADIM TEXT OF RELEVANT PORTIONS OF SPEECH BY US
REP TO CCD (STATE 145643) OUTLINING US ATTITUDE TOWARD NFZ'S AND
SETTING OUT FOUR CRITERIA WE THINK NFZ SHOULD MEET. NADIM THOUGHT
CRITERIA WOULD BE USEFUL IN WORKING OUT EXACT WORDING OF RES-
OLUTION.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GOI HAS REVIVED ITS EARLIER PROPOSAL FOR
MIDEAST NFZ FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS IN WAKE OF INDIAN NUCLEAR
BLAST, USG AGREEMENTS TO HELP EGYPT, ISRAEL AND IRAN DEVELOP
NUCLEAR POWER, AND RECENT ALLEGATIONS IN PRESS THAT IRAN WAS
THINKING OF DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHILE NEITHER MFA NOR
SHAH HAS ANY GREAT HOPE THAT ENFORCEABLE NFZ CAN BE AGREED UPON,
THEY THINK IRANIAN SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION WILL REASSURE NEIGH-
BORS AND SERVE AS FURTHER DEMONSTRATION THAT IRAN IS PLAYING CON-
STRUCTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN REGIONAL AND WORLD AFFAIRS.

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